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SUBJ: ADMINISTRATOR PREDICTS SOLUTION "SOON" TO CHURCH SCHOOLS
DISPUTE

REF: CAPE TOWN 266

1. CAPE PROVINCE ADMINISTRATOR L.A. MUNNIK MADE LONG STATE-
MENT IN PROVINCIAL COUNCIL FEB. 25 IN WHICH HE PUT BLAME FOR
DISPUTE OVER ENROLLMENT OF BLACK STUDENTS AT CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS SQUARELY ON THE CHURCH AND DENIED HE HAD SOUGHT
CONFRONTATION. HOWEVER, HE ALSO SAID HE BELIEVED A SOLU-
TION ACCEPTABLE TO GOVERNMENT AND TO THE CHURCHES WOULD
BE FOUND "SOON." PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR MEYER TOLD
CONGEN OFF PRIVATELY THAT "BENEATH ALL THE POLITICAL
RHETORIC" THE STATEMENT IS "A POSITIVE SIGN." MUNNIK AGAIN
SAID THAT ANGLICAN REPS AND PROVINCE OFFICIALS WOULD MEET
"SOON" TO DISCUSS EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT COULD ARISE
IN MIXED SCHOOLS (CAPE TOWN 222) BUT ANNOUNCED NO DATE FOR
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THE MEETING.

2. EDUCATION MINISTER KOORNHOF TOLD AMBASSADOR FEB.
26 THAT HE WAS PERSONALLY WORKING ON EFFORT TO FIND
SOLUTION AND HE WAS CONFIDENT PROBLEM COULD BE RESOLVED.
HE WOULD NOT, HOWEVER, GIVE ANY INDICATION OF TIMING. KOORNHOF
SAID INITIAL AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED BY MUNNIK AND CARDINAL

MCCANN WHEREBY CHURCH WOULD "FREEZE" STATUS QUO AND
GOVERNMENT PLEDGED NOT TO DEREGISTER SCHOOLS (CAPE TOWN 266)
WAS IN FACT REACHED AT UNPUBLICIZED MEETING ABOUT 10 DAYS
AGO BETWEEN HIMSELF AND CARDINAL MCCANN. KOORNHOF
EMPHASIZED HIS INTEREST IN FINDING SOLUTION THAT ALLOWED
PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO TAKE IN NON-WHITE STUDENTS WITHOUT
GOING TO THE PARLIAMENT FOR ACTION. HE THOUGHT
FORMULA INVOLVING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION AT THE
PROVINCIAL LEVEL WOULD BE BEST WAY TO GO ABOUT IT. BOWDLER

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